

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

RAYMOND LANE, #143051,

Plaintiff,

v.
CASE NO. 2:08-CV-10897
HONORABLE VICTORIA A. ROBERTS

C. WHITE,

Defendant.

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**OPINION AND ORDER DENYING LEAVE TO PROCEED WITHOUT
PREPAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE AND DISMISSING COMPLAINT**

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff seeks leave to proceed without prepayment of the filing fee for this action. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). On March 12, 2008, the Court issued an order requiring Plaintiff to show cause within 14 days why his complaint should not be dismissed pursuant to the "three strikes" provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Plaintiff has not filed a response to that order.

Under the Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), the Court may dismiss a case if, on three (3) or more previous occasions, a federal court has dismissed the incarcerated plaintiff's action because it was frivolous or malicious or failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). The Court's database reveals that Plaintiff has filed at least three (3) prior cases in the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of

Michigan which have been dismissed as frivolous or for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. *See:*

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Defendant(s)</u>	<u>Dismissal Date</u>	<u>U.S. District Judge</u>
96-CV-00066	Pallas, et al.	5/29/1996	Benjamin F. Gibson
00-CV-00080	Deal, et. al.	8/3/2000	Robert Holmes Bell
00-CV-00304	Bolden	7/13/2000	Richard Alan Enslen
02-CV-00292	Hunter, et al.	5/22/2002	Gordon J. Quist

Plaintiff has not responded to the show cause order and his complaint concerns the handling of his legal mail. He does not allege that he “is under imminent danger of serious physical injury” so as to fall within the exception to the three strikes provision set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Plaintiff has thus failed to establish that he should be allowed to proceed on his complaint *in forma pauperis* despite the fact that he has had more than three prior lawsuits dismissed as frivolous or for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiff’s request for leave to proceed without prepayment of the filing fee. Plaintiff is not authorized to proceed before this Court *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Additionally, the Court **DISMISSES** Plaintiff’s complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). This dismissal is without prejudice to the filing of a new complaint with payment of the \$350.00 filing fee. The Court notes that any such complaint will be reviewed to determine whether it should be served upon the defendant or summarily dismissed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b), which requires the Court to dismiss a complaint brought against governmental entities, officers, and employees if the complaint is “frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.”

Lastly, the Court concludes that an appeal from this order would be frivolous and, therefore, cannot be taken in good faith. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3); *see also McGore v. Wigginsworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 610-11 (6th Cir. 1997).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/Victoria A. Roberts

Victoria A. Roberts
United States District Judge

Dated: April 9, 2008

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this document was served on the attorneys of record and pro se plaintiff by electronic means or U.S. Mail on April 9, 2008.

s/Carol A. Pinegar
Deputy Clerk